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Applicant(s): Masahide Yamaki, et al. **Examiner:** John P. Leubecker
Serial No: 10/085,704 **Art Unit:** 3739
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PROVIDING ILLUMINATING LIGHT
TO AN ENDOSCOPE, AND AN
ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM **Dated:** September 3, 2004

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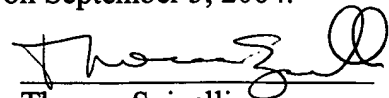
Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated June 7, 2004, Applicants have filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) herewith and respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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